

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 05 MARCH 2024, Village Hall 7.30pm

Present: Parish Councillors Alan Tyler (Chairman), Simon Barker, Mark Gifford, Alison Mosson
Clerk Susan Turner; Guest, Ward Councillor Kate Tuck; Members of the Public 1

1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Dave Rudge, County Councillor Juliet Henderson.

2 PUBLIC SESSION No issues raised.

3 REPORTS TO MEETING

.1 County Councillor Written report from Cllr Juliet Henderson at **APPENDIX I**

.2 Update and discussion with Ward Councillor Kate Tuck

i BDBC Valued Landscape study and policy

- Concern expressed regarding the consistency of the LPU Reg 18 Valued Landscape evidence base (the study conducted by Hankinson Duckett Associates, February 2023).
- On the other hand, important to not delay the progress of the LPU Reg 18. According to Inspector in a recent Appeal decision, BDBC is only on the cusp of a four-year land supply (4.06) – see *Planning, item 6.7 below*.
- Agreed that responses to the BDBC Valued Landscape policy – as included within the new ENV1 Landscape policy – be couched in positive terms to maintain momentum. If a major rewrite is requested, reconsultation may be required. (Valued Landscapes are an addition to the BDBC Policy as currently provided via EM1 of the Adopted Local Plan.)
- Ward Councillors share Cliddesden’s frustration regarding the impact of this new LPU policy on the CNP Valued Landscape Policy ENB5, and regarding the failure of BDBC Planning Policy to communicate any concerns, or to advise or support the CNP in this regard. The BDBC Valued Landscape study is dated February 2023; it seems the document was not widely available within BDBC.
- It was initially thought the CNP policy ENB5 may complement the LPU policy but, on sight of the Hankinson Duckett Associates study, this is evidently not the case.
- Taking a pragmatic view, the importance of both the LPU and CNP progressing to adoption has to outweigh a setback regarding this policy at this time.
- The CNP Examiner confirmed that the BDBC evidence document was compiled according to the correct methodology. The CNP will need in time to be updated and the Valued Landscape policy ENB5 can be reconsidered in line with the update timescale.

ii Cllr Tuck congratulated everyone who had worked on the CNP.

iii Re the Local Plan, the Chairman noted that a major concern continues to be the Spatial Strategy housing allocation for rural settlements. The LPU policy is improved in that *all* new housing within the settlement boundary can now be counted towards meeting the allocation. But the requirement remains for new housing outside and adjacent to the SPB to be five dwelling or more in order to be counted towards the Parish allocation rather than to windfall.

Cllr Tuck left the meeting with the thanks of the Parish Council. To attend the Old Basing Parish Council meeting, this always makes for a clash of dates.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 02 January, agreed and signed

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in items on the Agenda, none

6 PLANNING

.1 Planning applications – Planning update at **APPENDIX II**.

The retrospective applications for Chapel Walk noted. No new applications for discussion.

Appeals update

- Validated for Jolly Farmer
- Refused for Land South of Woods Lane
- In progress for Land at Manor Farm, and for Myhaven.
- Enforcement Notice upheld for Faerie Meadows, 14 Hackwood Lane, re change of use from agricultural land to residential – subject to Notice correction re boundary.

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.2 Parish tree applications

T/00039/24/TCA (Validated 22 Jan 2024) Church Hill House, Church Lane. Cherry plum, self-seeded in hedgerow – to cut to hedge height and width so it becomes part of the hedge in future. PC no comment, no objection.

Southlea Limes Recent applications approved to reduce one Lime, and fell one dying. Response from tree officer at **APPENDIX III**.

AGREED There remains a case for requesting a group TPO for the remaining Lime trees to achieve recognition of their significance and historical significance in the landscape and identity of Southlea. Action clerk to submit request to Tree Officer.

.3 Neighbourhood Plan update – Examination *Reference discussion with Ward Cllr Kate Tuck at 3.2 above.* The CNP Examiner has recommended the Valued Landscape policy ENB5 be removed from the Plan; the options are for ENB5 to be removed and the examination continue, or for the draft Plan to be withdrawn from examination.

AGREED The NP Team and Parish Council has agreed to the Examiner's recommended way forward – for the Examination to continue, with the Valued Landscape Policy removed. A two-week consultation is required to allow the public to comment on this decision **APPENDIX IV**. To be advertised on noticeboard and websites.

It was noted that the draft CNP otherwise has withstood minute examination – citing in particular the Local Gap and Local Greenspace policies – a great achievement overall.

AGREED Alan Tyler and Mark Gifford jointly have authority to represent the Parish Council in corresponding with the NP Examiner and BDBC Planning Policy.

.4 Basingstoke and Deane Valued Landscape Study February 2023 produced by Hankinson Duckett Associates. Feedback from CNP Consultant Chris Paterson **APPENDIX V**.

.5 Local Plan Update Reg 18

NOTED Parish Council response to the Reg 18 consultation, in particular in relation to Neighbourhood Planning Policy SPS6 (SS5 in the current Adopted Local Plan) **APPENDIX VI**, *ref also Ward Cllr discussion at 3.2.iii above.*

.6 New warehousing proposal Oakdown Farm J7 The Parish Council response to the Reg 18 consultation included its opposition to this LPU allocation for warehousing.

.7 BDBC Housing Land Supply *Ref Ward Cllr discussion at 3.2 above.* An Appeal decision of 29 January 2024 for APP/H1705/W/23/3326191 Land at Watermill Bridge, Andover Road, Wash Water (Newbury) for 270 homes, concluded that BDBC has 4.06 year land supply and on this count its policies are up-to-date.

However, the Inspector also concluded that:

The appellant's evidence was that BDLP Policy SS1 (scale and distribution of new housing); BDLP Policy SS6 (new housing in the countryside) and EWNP Policy HO2 (settlement boundary and building in the countryside) are out-of-date. I agree that these policies are out-of-date. The scale and distribution of new housing, and the settlement boundaries designed to deliver the housing needed, are more than five years old and are being reviewed through the BDLPU... housing delivery over the plan period (from 2011 up to March 2022) was 769 dwellings lower than the plan requirement... Thus, the spatial strategy is not currently delivering the housing requirement that the plan was intended to deliver... In my view, the policies that are intended to shape the spatial strategy (SS1, SS6 and HO2) are fundamental to what the plan seeks to achieve. As these policies are out-of-date, I consider that the relevant policies as a whole are out-of-date.

7 PARISH ASSEMBLY

Suggestions re speakers and Agenda items:

- Short piece on Speed Indicator Device to follow PCSO Andy Jones, then discussion on HCC's new 20mph policy (*see item 9 below*)
- Newly elected Ward Councillor
- Cosmic Roots festival (scheduled for 05-08 September 2024)
- Local landowner: how is land management changing? Noting the Portsmouth estate has a new land manger and is re-introducing livestock
- Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan.

ACTIONS Chairman to invite Cosmic Roots directors, Clerk to advertise in *Newsletter*.

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8 HIGHWAYS AND DRAINAGEDiscussion, observations

- A lot of water flowing from the pond outflow into Southlea Meadow.
- But no flooding in Cliddesden from the pond – this non-event worthy of note.
- Grips on Farleigh Hill still not cleared by HCC – this was on priority annual grip clearing programme. Clerk to follow up via HCC website enquiry. (Noting the grips up to the Estate house are all clear.)
- Flytipping in small laybys in vicinity of the Estate is quickly removed by estate staff; two skips kept permanently in the yard.

9 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**.1 HCC parish-funded 20mph policy APPENDIX VII**Discussion

- Obvious road for a 20mph limit would be Woods Lane
- Wood Lanes is probably the only road meeting the criteria.
- Until the Police will support, this policy it has no value.
- Speed limits do have some value elsewhere in the Village, although police rarely enforce. Noting achievement of some years ago, Alison Mosson succeeded in persuading HCC to implement 30mph on Station Road and on Farleigh Hill above the nursery school. At the time it was said police would not enforce, but still worthwhile. Situation with non-enforcement is just the same as elsewhere. Speed limit sends a message re expectation.
- Considering the Policy has to be self-funded including £10K for Traffic Order, plus cost of signage, can this be worthwhile? To discuss at the Parish Assembly.

ACTION Clerk to provide an estimate of overall costs.

- .2 Village Hall direction sign** The Village Hall has requested a new direction sign to be installed at top of Church Lane as it meets the junction with Station Road. Sat navs direct people as far as this junction and then say they have reached their destination. And from here people are unable to see the Village Hall entrance 200 yards further up the road. The new sign requested to be similar to that at the bottom of Church Lane by the pond
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10 HCC FUTURE SERVICES CONSULTATION to 31 March.**SERVICES / FUNDING UNDER REVIEW**

- Changes in way contributions towards non-residential Adult Social Care costs are calculated
- Adult Social Care grants programme for voluntary, community, social enterprise organisations
- Competitive (one-off) grant schemes (incl Parish & Town Council Investment fund)
- Hampshire Cultural Trust
- Spend on library stock
- Planned maintenance budget for Highways
- Highways winter services - Street lighting
- Homelessness Support Services
- Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs)
- Passenger transport
- Rural countryside car parking charges
- School Crossing Patrols

11 PARISH BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY

TO CONSIDER – Biodiversity is and has always been the remit of 3CG – but to consider also formalising a Biodiversity Strategy for the Parish Council.

'Under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, every public body, including Town and Parish Councils, has a duty to conserve biodiversity.'

S40 NERC Act 2006: 'Every public body must, in exercising its functions, have regard, so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions, to the purpose of conserving biodiversity.'

The Environment Act 2021 upgraded this requirement to 'conserve and enhance'.

'Under the 2021 Environment Act, public authorities (including town and parish councils) operating in England must consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity.'

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Government guidance published on 17 May 2023 clarifies that, as a public authority, town and parish councils must:

- consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity;
- agree policies and specific objectives based on their consideration;
- act to deliver their policies and achieve their objectives.

AGREED For further consideration

NOTED BDBC is due to officially approve its Biodiversity Strategy at Cabinet meeting of this evening 05 March. The BDBC 'Green Team' it is said will be actively engaging with Parish Councils.

12 FINANCE

.1 Accounts 2023/24 to date **APPENDIX IX**. Reconciliation at 29 Feb = £53,988.44

Payments since last meeting

39	Clerk – Salary Jan-24	£455.00
40	MG for Lidl/Sainsbury – LPU meeting food & drink	£63.85
41	1947Planning – Reg16 NP / Reg18 LPU	£1,125.00
42	Clerk – Salary Feb-24	£455.00

13 FURTHER REPORTS / UPDATES

.1 **Emergency Planning & Resilience Focus Group** for Hampshire Resilience Forum' .

Notes from meeting circulated. Much discussion at the meeting about communication and connectivity; the Parish Council noted this is not lacking in Cliddesden.

.2 **Police reporting** Incident featured in the January *Newsletter* re criminal damage (overnight of 21/22 December) on Hackwood Lane using catapults with steel ball bearings. This wasn't reported to the Police by residents; Police therefore unaware.

Constant request from Police is to report. Incidents and crimes need to be reported and logged, in order to justify any Police presence or engagement. This message regulary repeated in the *Newsletter*, to include again for the April issue.

.3 **Village Hall**

i Audit of benches in Village Hall garden: bench by front door removed as falling apart. Attempting to track down those who originally donated the benches.
The Will Hay bench is well cared for by members of the appreciation society.

ii Online booking system now going live.

iii Greg Mendelsohn stepped down as Chairman; Les Smith taken the chair.

.4 **Betty Rapley** – sad news that Betty Rapley has died at age 93; an obituary, tribute will be included in the *Newsletter*.

.5 **Welcome Pack** Mark Gifford has taken delivery of 20 updated copies.

.6 Simon Barker advised of his intention to resign from the Parish Council due to pressure of work; to submit his resignation in writing to the Chairman in time for the vacancy to be advertised and a new Councillor hopefully to be co-opted at the May AGM. Simon has served on the Parish Council for seven years and will be greatly missed.

14 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

07 May AGM, 02 July, 03 Sept, 03 Nov. Parish Assembly Friday 10 May.

Meeting close at 9.10pm with thanks to all.

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APPENDIX I CLLR JULIET HENDERSON – HCC REPORT – MARCH 2024**1. County Council Budget Consultation**

I talked about the ongoing consultation on the County Council's future services in my last report. That consultation is seeking Hampshire residents' views on proposals to change and reduce some local services and help the Authority address a £132 million budget shortfall faced by April 2025. [:https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/future-services-consultation](https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/future-services-consultation)

A reminder about the areas covered by the consultation - road maintenance and winter gritting, public transport, street lights, school crossing patrols, parking charges at rural countryside car parks, homelessness support, library stocks levels, adult social care contributions, grants for voluntary and community organisations, funding to Hampshire Cultural Trust and changes or closures of Household Waste Recycling Centres. Many people have already responded. The consultation runs until the end of the month so if you have not responded yet, I do encourage you to take part. This affects us all. A number of people have emailed me with thoughts - again, do still reply to the consultation or email any thoughts to the Council's Insight & Engagement Unit on insight@hants.gov.uk

2. HCC budget 2024-25

The County Council's budget for the next financial year has been approved by council. This budget covers £2.6 billion of public spending on the ongoing delivery of important local services to Hampshire's 1.4 million residents. From 1 April 2024, Hampshire County Council's portion of council tax will increase by a total of 4.99%, of which 2% will go specifically towards adults' social care and supporting the county's higher numbers of older people and adults with complex needs and disabilities – in line with Government policy. This equates to an annual charge of £1,533.24 for a Band D property – an increase of £72.99 per year or approximately £1.40 a week.

The increase will generate an extra £39 million of vital income towards the delivery of crucial services to the people of Hampshire in 2024/25, and still means that Hampshire has one of the lowest council tax precepts of any county in England. Even with this increase, there is still a significant gap in the budget which will be filled from reserves – dedicated funds set aside specifically to address such shortfalls.

The County Council also approved the spending of £880.6 million over the next three years on capital programmes to help boost jobs and the local economy, the quality of the environment and contribute towards the County Council's commitment to tackling climate change. This provision for Hampshire's infrastructure, including more school places, improving roads and bridges and investing in the fabric of Hampshire's older people's social care estate, is one of the largest in the country, and brings the County Council's four-year total investment in the fabric of Hampshire to £1.4 billion, providing a huge boost to the local economy through jobs, skills and construction.

3. Transforming in-house care for older people

I have referred previously to the proposed changes to how the County Council operates its in-house care homes for older people. The plan is to focus on specialist nursing and complex dementia care, as well as short term pre and post-hospital support, to better meet the needs of the county's ageing population. These plans have now been approved, comprising a £173 million investment programme. It will increase the overall number of beds available to local people from 900 to 1,000, within a reduced network of 13 homes. Approving these plans secures the long-term future of our in-house homes ensuring they remain in the Authority's ownership – in stark contrast to the many other local councils who have sold their homes in recent years.

4. New Local Transport Plan approved

The County Council's new local transport plan (known as LTP4) has been approved. Its aim is the boost economic prosperity, reduce carbon pollution and help promote healthy lifestyles and build stronger communities over the next ten years. It is guided by two principles, widening the choice of travel options that people can use and providing a transport system that puts people first and creates high quality and prosperous places. 5. Schools Funding of £5.9 million has been approved by the County Council to help more parents access childcare before and after school, following a grant from the Department for Education. This will enable the provision of childcare which 'wraps around' the school day, enabling parents and carers of primary school-aged children to access and pay for term time childcare from 8am-6pm. The scheme will start in September this year and run for two years. In separate school news, 90.71% of the 14,587 online applications for a secondary school place in September have been offered a place in their first preference school, whilst more than 98% were offered one of their top three preferences.

APPENDIX II PLANNING UPDATE – 05 MARCH 2024**Applications new since last meeting**

24/00267/RET (Validated 12 Feb 2024) 1 Chapel Walk. erection of a porch and rear dormer (retrospective).

T/00039/24/TCA (Approve 27 Feb) Church Hill House, Church Lane. Cherry plum, self-seeded in hedgerow. The small tree is encroaching the road and a bit cable, we would like to reduce it to the height of the beech hedge and cut back so it is flat with the face of the hedge. We would cut the cherry plum so it becomes part of the hedge in future.

24/00248/HSE (Validated 05 Feb) 5 Langdale Rise. erection of single storey flat roof garden room to rear of garden to include landscaping.

24/00218/RET (Validated Mon 05 Feb) 1 Chapel Walk. Retrospective Planning for Rear Garden Walls and Landscaping

Applications pending or recently decided

23/03084/FUL (Grant 07 Feb) and 23/03085/LBC (Withdrawn 08 Jan) The Jolly Farmer. New external (detached) covered seating structure, and alterations to existing garage to form external seating area.

T/00558/23/TCA (Approve 31 Jan) 15 Southlea. Fell 1 Lime.

23/02863/HSE (Grant 15 Jan) Swallick Cottage, Alton Road. Erection of a triple garage and creation of hardstanding/extension of drive (alternative scheme to that approved under: 23/01794/HSE).

23/02772/HSE (Grant 10 Jan) Old School House, Farleigh Road. Replacement and erection of new fencing and gates at 1.2 metres and 1.5 metres in height.

23/02733/HSE (Pending 31 Oct 2023) 1 Chapel Walk. Loft Conversion and insertion of windows. 23/00553/HSE (Withdrawn 31 March, Validated 07 Mar) 1 Chapel Walk. Loft Conversion

T/00484/23/TPO (Pending 27 Oct 2023) Church Farm House Church Lane. Large Horse Chestnut: prune.

23/02337/FUL (Pending 14 Sept) Change of use of agricultural land to use for exercising of dogs including perimeter fence, pathway, shelter and associated parking and creation of access (*sui generis*)

23/02326/FUL (Pending 13 Sept) Greenlands Nursery 3A, Hackwood Lane Cliddesden. Erection of 1no dwelling to replace existing redundant Nursery storage / Workshop.

23/02291/RET (Pending 22 Sept) 1A Millars Cottages, Station Road. Variation of condition 1 (plans) and 13 (parking) to match current parking arrangements; condition 4 (landscaping) to reflect change in parking provision and condition 6 (walls, fences, gates and hedges) to remove tarmac area of (erection of 1no dwelling).

23/02207/FUL (Pending 12 Sept) Land at Rear of 7 Woods Lane. Erection of a chalet bungalow (Class C3) and associated works (revision of previous consent 21/02056/FUL).

22/02233/HSE (Approve DC Wed 10 Jan, Validated 09 Aug 2022) 27 Southlea. Erection of home workshop/ office/ playroom, new access arrangement, and new entrance gates. To DC due to number of original objections. Officer recommending approval following changes

APPEALS 24/00004/REF APPEAL (Validated 01 March, 2024) The Jolly Farmer. Retention of existing public house and erection of a four-bedroom detached dwelling (use Class C3) utilising the existing access, including associated parking and landscaping, and reconfiguration of the public house car park and beer garden.

APP/H1705/W/23/3333310 **APPEAL IN PROGRESS** for Land south of Myhaven (start date 12 Feb, interested party comments by 18 March) Land south Of Myhaven, Woods Lane. erection of 28 new dwellings following the demolition of Newland Lodge

APP/H1705/W/23/3331770 **APPEAL IN PROGRESS** for Land To Rear Of Manor Farm, Farleigh Road. application for Permission in Principle for the erection of up to nine dwellings

APP/H1705/W/23/3321532 **APPEAL DISMISSED** 14 Feb 2024 for Land south of Woods Lane. Planning in principle for up to 9 dwellings.

APP/H1705/C/23/3314607 (lead case) and 3314608 (**ENFORCEMENT NOTICE UPHELD subject to Notice correction** re boundary) 28 Feb 2024 – BDBC ref 23/00002/ENF & 23/00003/ENF) Faerie Meadows, 14 Hackwood Lane. appeal against enforcement notice re alleged change of use from agricultural land to residential etc.

DUMMER APPLICATION

23/03120/FUL (Validated 19 dec) Land at Oakdown Farm, Winchester Road, dummer. demolition of three dwellings, outbuildings and related structures and construction of storage and distribution units (use class B8) with ancillary offices and gatehouses, associated infrastructure works (incl parking and landscaping), and full details of site levels, access, drainage, tree retention and diversion of underground pipeline. Will be phased and delivered across separate and self-contained plots as shown on the Phasing Plan.

OLD BASING APPLICATION**MOTO**

17/03487/FUL (Validated Nov 2017) Land adjacent To Junction 6 M3. Construction of a new Motorway service area to comprise an amenity building, lodge, drive thru coffee unit, associated car, coach, motorcycle, caravan, HGV and abnormal load parking, and a fuel filling station with retail shop, together with alterations to the adjoining roundabout on the M3 and slip roads to form an access point and works to the highway. Provision of landscaping, infrastructure and ancillary works.

Consultation to 25 March.

APPENDIX III – FROM TREE OFFICER RE SOUTHLEA LIMES

From: Aimee Hampton <Aimee.Hampton@basingstoke.gov.uk>

Subject: T/00558/23/TCA and T/00548/23/TCA

Date: 31 January 2024 at 12:12:15 GMT

Cc: Carol Tuxford <Carol.Tuxford@basingstoke.gov.uk> Dear Su

Many thanks for the parish's comments in relation to T/00558/23/TCA to fell one Lime tree and T/00548/23/TCA to re-pollard one Lime tree. I just wanted to relay some key points regarding the process in which the council deals with S211 notifications for works to trees within conservation areas and the Parish's request for Tree Preservation Orders for all Lime trees along Southlea.

The points considered for proposed tree works within a CA rather than a TPO differ slightly due to the method of refusal in the event the works are not considered appropriate. As proposed works within a CA require submission of a NOI rather than a full planning application the process differs slightly from that of TPO'd trees. The most important point of consideration here is that in the event the Officer considers the works inappropriate for whatever reason, the only method of refusal is to serve a TPO on the tree(s) in question. Any proposed future works will then be required to follow the planning process for TPO'd trees.

However, there is also a large range of criteria that must be considered when deciding whether it is expedient for the LPA to serve a TPO. A very brief outline of points that may be considered include:

Is the tree under threat?

How prominent is the tree as a feature within the landscape?

Physiological condition of the tree(s). Are they healthy? Are they diseased? Do they have a good safe useful life expectancy?

Is the tree causing a legal nuisance or likely to in the future?

Are they likely to have works carried out to them by statutory undertakers under an exemption? For example pruning to maintain clearance from power cables.

Unfortunately in some circumstances the officer may not agree with the proposed works but, after making an assessment and considering a wide scope of criteria, may also find it is not expedient to serve a TPO. In these situations the Officer will first attempt to discuss their concerns with the applicant or agent of the NOI and offer an alternative solution. However, in the event the officer cannot persuade the applicant to undertake a different approach to the management of the tree(s) in question, the LPA has no option other than to allow the works to proceed.

The tree subject of T/00558/23/TCA is clearly in severe decline so the serving of a TPO is considered indefensible. The re-pollarding of the Lime tree subject of T/00548/23/TCA is considered routine maintenance as part of the trees long-term management. Once a tree has been reduced it is considered good arboricultural practice to continue to reduce the crown on a cyclical basis as part of a tree's long-term management. This prevents large growth and consequential weak attachments at the previous pruning points thus reducing the risk of failure of the regrowth. Therefore no objection was raised to the work proposal.

Whilst the Lime trees in question are undoubtedly a distinctive feature of that part of the conservation area the decision for each tree is made on a case by case basis. Arboriculture is a vast subject that encompasses a number of sub-subjects such as mycology, health and safety, tree surgery, law, dendrology, planning etc and it simply cannot be condensed into several paragraphs. I think it's also important to point out that every case and circumstance is unique and whilst there are many generalisations and similarities, no two cases are ever the same.

The level of 'threat' is a key consideration in this process. At present as the trees are afforded protection by virtue of being situated in the conservation area the level of threat is considered very low. Therefore the serving of a TPO would only likely be considered in the event a S211 notification was submitted and the case officer wished to refuse the proposed works.

I trust the above is clear but should you have any queries or wish to discuss the matter further please do not hesitate to contact me.

APPENDIX IV – FROM NP CONSULTANT RE VALUED LANDSCAPE

'My personal and professional opinion is to try and find a way to support the principle of having valued landscapes but challenging the Borough councils current approach. This is what I have tried to do in response to LPU (EXTRACT BELOW). We need to find a way of supporting the general principle of identifying areas of landscape value which have less value than nationally designated landscape areas but more valuable than general landscape. This is what B&DBC have attempted in their evidence base. I will try and emphasize this point in the response to Janet.

'In terms of cost for landscape assessment that depends on many factors. I worked with a group in Sussex that paid £4000+ for an assessment of their parish. This used the Landscape Institute LVIA methodology. It involved desktop work, site visits and public consultation. It didn't identify valued landscapes though, just identified areas where landscape sensitivity was high and medium high to assist them in identifying sites for housing allocations.

The work done in your landscape evidence document uses the correct methodology, but where it is weak is that there is no comparative analysis. Any study would need to identify (using methodology) which parts of parish are more valuable than others. So you would still look at subjects like scenic quality, rarity, recreation value, conservation interests and associations, but the comparative analysis element is what you'd bring in. It is worth noting that this will identify areas of valued landscape but also areas of less value.

You could commission this work now but in my opinion the best way forward is to challenge B&DBC approach, but support the principle. Request that they offer opportunity for parishes to identify and justify valued landscapes locally, then once LPU progressed to adoption consider this work. Of course nothing to stop the parish doing some of the baseline assessment work whilst LPU progresses.'

'However, we do not believe that there has been sufficient detailed assessment to identify all of the valued landscapes which exist across the Borough, and identifying five areas in the Borough, which are quite broad / large areas, in fact undermines other important and locally valued landscapes. We believe the Valued Landscapes Study (HDA 2023) is a useful starting point, but the desk top approach to the identification of assessment parcels is not a reliable method for identifying landscape areas which warrant further assessment and consideration. We believe the LPU process should have engaged with the town and parish councils across the Borough, to engage local people in identifying areas of particular local value, which they could have been assessed more thoroughly. This would have ensured that any designations would have taken account of local information and allowed for those people living in the landscapes to assist in identifying areas of particularly high value. This is a missed opportunity, and we urge the Borough Council to engage with local communities to ensure that any valued landscapes are identified in a robust manner. It is concerning that the LPU itself identifies weaknesses with the approach taken. Paragraph 7.9 states that the identified valued landscape areas are large scale areas of particularly high value which are significantly 'out of the ordinary', but other landscapes of value may not have been identified in the maps by virtue of their scale and Policy ENV1 Landscape emphasises the importance of assessing thoroughly the impact of proposed development on all parts of the borough's countryside. This essentially makes the policy pointless, stating that development on all parts of the borough's countryside should assess their proposed impact. We urge the Borough Council to reconsider the approach taken, which potentially undermines many parts of the Borough, and other highly valued landscapes.'

APPENDIX V: CNP CONSULTATION ON REMOVAL OF VALUED LANDSCAPE POLICY FROM THE PLANCliddesden NP  · Mar 4 · 1 min read

Consultation: Proposed deletion of Neighbourhood Plan Policy ENV5 (Valued Landscape Policy)

The Cliddesden Neighbourhood Plan is now in the process of being examined.

On 28 February 2024, the examiner wrote to BDBC and the Parish Council expressing concerns about submission Neighbourhood Plan Policy ENV5 (Valued Landscape Policy), and indicating that she would recommend that the policy should be deleted. In light of this, the examiner asked the Parish Council whether they wished to withdraw the plan or continue with the examination.

The policy can be viewed on page 74 of the submission plan. The submission plan and the letter from the examiner can be viewed on the B&DBC website here:

<https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/ClidNP>

The Parish Council has decided to continue with the examination of the Neighbourhood Plan. The examiner has therefore requested an additional two week consultation to enable all interested parties to make comments on the proposed deletion of Policy ENV5 (Valued Landscape Policy). Please note that the examiner will not accept correspondence on any other aspects of the Plan.

If you would like to comment on this matter, please submit representations to local.plan@basingstoke.gov.uk before **5pm on Monday 18 March 2024**.

By e-mail to: local.plan@basingstoke.gov.uk

Or by post to:

Planning Policy Team
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Civic Offices
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APPENDIX VI – EXTRACT FROM CPC RESPONSE TO REG 18 LPU**SECTION 6 DELIVERING THE SPATIAL STRATEGY
POLICY SPS6: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING**

Supportive of the LPA's support for Neighbourhood Planning.

'The council will support parish/town councils and other representatives from local communities in non-parished areas in meeting needs through the Neighbourhood Planning process.'

6.179 All net new dwellings within the defined Settlement Policy Boundaries of the settlements listed will qualify towards the requirements outlined in the policy. Outside of, but adjacent to, Settlement Policy Boundaries, developments with a net gain of five or more units will also qualify.

Cliddesden Parish Council believes the provision of 6.179 is a positive step compared to the requirements of the current SS5. However the LPU SOS6 would better serve the appropriate organic growth of small settlements by allowing all housing numbers within and adjacent to the SPB to be counted towards the allocation. Forced growth by adding housing estate-type development to the edges of rural villages can have considerable detrimental impact and be contrary to the Objective of creating high quality and distinctive places.

6.177 The housing requirements have been adjusted to account for whether settlements have experienced more or less development than was required by the last Local Plan 2011-2029.

- The impact of the housing requirements on rural settlements should be closely monitored and carefully managed to ensure the distinctive nature of the village is not lost. The setting of a minimum figure at para 4.55 of the Spatial Strategy is a matter for concern. It would better serve smaller settlements for the housing requirement to be a maximum, or if necessary an 'about' figure, to help achieve levels of development appropriate to the individual settlement.
- The provision of 6.177 would seem to be logical but is arguably misleading.
- The changes to the housing provision requirements for the 'Neighbourhood Planning' policy outlined in 6.179 recognises that the current SS5 approach to small settlement allocations is flawed. (Plus there has been an overdelivery in the windfall allocation.)
- A rural settlement's contribution to the housing figures should be considered in relation to the reality of that settlement's contribution.
- Policies elsewhere in the LPU seeks to focus on the unique character, nature and sense of place of rural settlements which the SS5 requirements fail to plan for.
- Settlements with a housing allocation of 20 in the LPU – which have in reality delivered way over double that number within and adjacent to the settlement boundary during the Plan Period should not, in the interests of good planning for the organic growth of settlements, be required to supply that number over again.
- Noting also that the lack of housing land supply and therefore lack of protective housing policies has in many cases contributed to additional numbers of, in some cases, less than appropriate development. Policy should not now continue to require the settlements to be further detrimentally impacted on account of this.
- The LPU Policy SPS6 should not continue to enforce these failings but should consider the reality of the delivery to date, and how a further requirement will impact on the nature of the settlement in the future

Cliddesden Parish Council requests the imposed requirements of the Policy be discounted in favour of assessing the true contribution made by Cliddesden and other small rural settlements, and the impact of that contribution on the nature of the village, in assessing future requirements.

APPENDIX VII – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT POLICY UPDATE: 20MPH SPEED LIMITS & ZONES

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL Decision Report

Date: 15 January 2024; Decision Maker: Executive Lead Member for Universal Services

Purpose of this Report

1. The Purpose of this Report is to set out how the recommendations and outcomes of the review of the existing position on 20mph speed limits and zones, which included input from the former Economy Transport and Environment Select Committee Task-and-Finish Working Group.

Recommendations

2. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves a revision to the Traffic Management Policy to incorporate an updated policy position on 20mph speed limits and zones that includes a mechanism for Parish and Town Councils to request 20mph speed restrictions, on a full cost recovery basis.

3. That authority to make any minor consequential amendments to the Traffic Management policy to incorporate this revision be delegated to the Director of Universal Services.

Executive Summary

7. The revised policy position will provide a mechanism, similar to the successful Community Funded Traffic Management Initiative, for individual Parish and Town Councils to request, and fund, 20mph speed limits and zones on a full cost recovery basis. All proposed speed limit changes will require approval from the County Council, as the Highway Authority, and will need to meet the technical criteria set out within the revised policy position.

9. The procedure for making an order, as provided under The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996, will apply to every application and consultation will be required and due legal process followed. In some cases, the outcome of this process may mean a scheme cannot go ahead if objections are upheld through the traffic order decision-making process.

Finance

33. Parish and Town Councils will be able to request and fund 20mph speed limits and zones in suitable areas that meet the technical criteria. Schemes will need to be delivered on a full cost recovery basis along the lines of the community funded traffic management initiative.

34. ...An application form will be produced and made available shortly which will be subject to a non-refundable application fee of £175 to cover the initial technical and prioritisation assessments.

35. Currently the fee to progress a Traffic Order, which includes the statutory consultation process to make any speed limit changes legal and enforceable, is approximately £10,000. This fee does not include the costs associated with the investigation, design and installation of the scheme. Presently, the commuted sum, which covers the costs of future maintenance responsibility for each new sign installed, would be approximately £320 over and above the installation costs. ...there is no guaranteed outcome with a proposed speed limit change... Parish and Town Councils will be responsible for all scheme costs upfront and a scheme may be refused at the Traffic Order stage, i.e. without a speed limit change ever being delivered. If a scheme is refused, the costs will not be refundable.

Performance

38. There are elements of the revised policy position where local expectations would need to be managed. Residents within 20mph speed limits often have higher expectations about driver behaviour and therefore may start demanding enforcement. To achieve compliance there should be no expectation on the Police to provide any additional enforcement beyond their routine activity. Therefore, 20mph speed limits will only be considered where existing "before" mean traffic speeds are below the 24 or 26 mph threshold respective to the hierarchy of roads. However, additional traffic calming measures may be possible in some cases in order to achieve the required mean speeds but this will need to be at the applicants own expense with advice and non-financial support from the County Council.

Consultation and Equalities

41. Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary do not support the introduction of 20mph speed limits in general terms because there is no evidence, according to the Department for Transport, that accidents are reduced (or increase) with their implementation and because mean speeds only reduce by 1-2 mph.

Appendix 1 Carriageway Hierarchy Categories

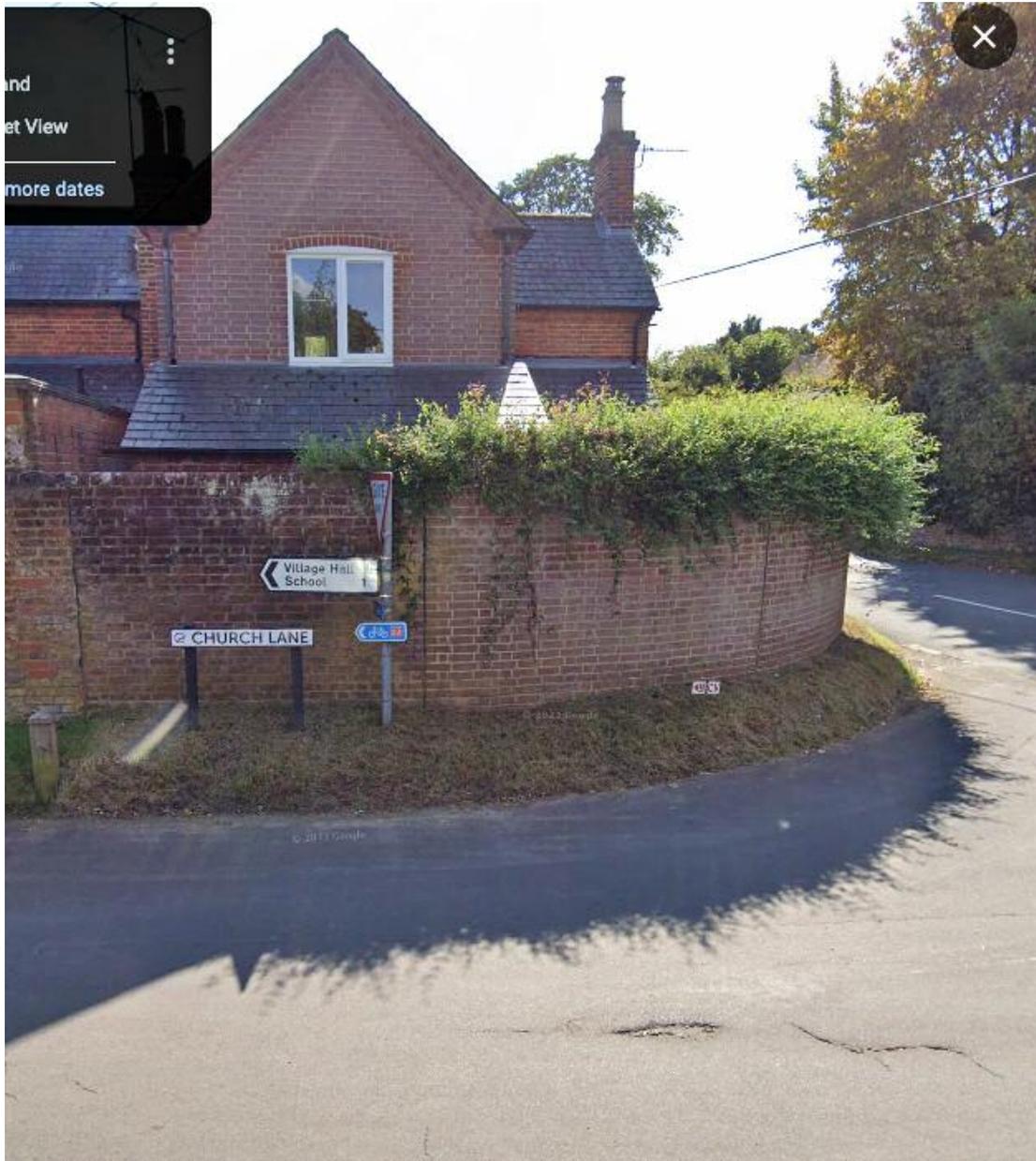
Hierarchy Category CW3 – Sections of the Primary Distributor Road Network

For few sections of A Class roads with lower traffic volumes, the majority of sections of B Class roads and some C Class roads: The following criteria would all need to be met:

Existing 30 mph limit - Mean speed threshold – existing speeds lower than 24 mph - Frontage development – sufficient level/density.

NB Evidence of strong community support needed.

APPENDIX VIII: VILLAGE HALL SIGN AT THE BOTTOM OF CHURCH LANE



APPENDIX IX: ACCOUNTS TO DATE

CLIDDESSEN PC – INCOME 2023/24 - 29 FEB

Balance brought forward 1st April 2023								£50,187.17
Date	Item	Precept	Grants	S106	CIL	Interest	VAT	Total
24/04/23	Parish Precept (six months)	£4,665.50						£4,665.50
24/04/23	BDBC Coronation grant		£500.00					£500.00
29/07/23	BDBC Cllr Community grant		£612.00					£612.00
07/09/23	Vat reclaim						£2,396.20	£2,396.20
11/09/23	BDBC S106 (floating islands)			£8,143.88				£8,143.88
25/09/23	Parish Precept (six months)	£4,665.50						£4,665.50
16/10/23	CIL - Appleyard 20/01098/FUL				£9,117.43			£9,117.43
2023/24	Bank interest					£486.04		£486.04
TOTALS		£9,331.00	£1,112.00	£8,143.88	£9,117.43	£486.04	£2,396.20	£30,586.55

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS SUMMARY

Bal brought forward from 2022/23	£50,187.17	April	£33.01
Plus income	£30,586.55	May	£29.72
Minus expenditure	£26,785.28	June	£32.98
Balance to date	£53,988.44	Jul	£29.60
		Aug	£31.34
BANK RECONCILIATION		Sept	£36.44
Treasurers account	£464.65	Oct	£46.09
Inst Access	£53,523.79	Nov	£62.98
Balance	£53,988.44	Dec	£64.57
		Jan	£57.74
		Feb	£61.57
		Mar	
		Total	£486.04

CLIDDESSEN PC – EXPENDITURE 2023/24 - 29 FEB

Date Inv	Date paid	Supplier	Description	Salary	Backpay 2022/23	Admin/ Governance	Newsletter	Community	Maintnce	Pond S106	CIL Projects	NP	VAT	TOTAL
1	25/04/23	Mehmet Balli	Coronation lunch					£235.00						£235.00
2	25/04/23	CG for Amazon	Bunting and crafts					£57.64						£57.64
3	27/03/23	PersonalisedPrint	22046-APRIL-2023				£56.00							£56.00
4	03/04/23	HALC/NALC	Subscription-2023/34			£274.31								£274.31
5	April	05/05/23	Clerk	Salary April 2023	£455.00									£455.00
6	05/05/23	10/05/23	CG for Poundland	Crayons and craft				£3.34					£0.66	
	05/05/23	10/05/23	CG for Tesco	Table covers				£2.92					£0.58	£7.50
7	09/05/23	10/05/23	MaxTooGood/Wolvey	Coro Musician				£200.00						£200.00
8	2022/23	10/05/23	Clerk	Backpay-2022/23		£803.40								£803.40
9	28/04/23	23/05/23	PersonalisedPrint	22046-May-16pp			£68.00							£68.00
10	12/05/23	23/05/23	MG for Lidl	Assembly food&dr				£80.75						£80.75
11	21/05/23	23/05/23	Chris Paterson	NP-BDBC meeting								£214.50		£214.50
12	May	30/05/23	Clerk	Salary May 2023	£455.00									£455.00
13	06/05/23	31/05/23	BHIB	Insurance		£386.03								£386.03
14	24/05/23	06/06/23	Broadley Aquatics	Floatin-Islands-Deposit						£4,000.00			£800.00	£4,800.00
15	16/06/23	16/06/23	Peter Brown	Internal Audit		£75.00								£75.00
16	11/05/23	16/06/23	Greenbarnes Ltd	Noticeboard							£2,992.43		£598.49	£3,590.92
17	June	01/07/22	Clerk	Salary June 2023	£212.00									£212.00
18	A-M-J	01/07/22	HMRC	PAYE-Apr-May-Jun	£243.00									£243.00
19	04/07/23	05/07/23	PersonalisedPrint	June-July			£112.00							£112.00
20	July	30/05/23	Clerk	SalaryJuly 2023	£455.00									£455.00
21	17/08/23	17/08/23	Broadley Aquatics	Floatin-Islands-Bal-3323						£4,000.00			£800.00	£4,800.00
22	Aug	30/05/23	Clerk	SalaryAug 2023	£455.00									£455.00
23	30/08/23	04/09/23	PersonalisedPrint	Aug-Sept			£100.00							£100.00
24	01/09/23	09/09/23	BDO LLP	External audit		£210.00							£42.00	£252.00
25	Sept	30/09/23	Clerk	Salary Sept 2023	£212.00									£212.00
26	J-A-S	30/09/23	HMRC	PAYE-Jul-Aug-Sept	£243.00									£243.00
27	08/10/23	08/10/23	Chris Paterson	NP-BDBC meeting								£1,500.00		£1,500.00
28	13/10/23	13/10/23	PGGM	Post-crete-N/board				£13.00					£2.60	£15.60
29	08/10/23	14/10/23	Hugo Fox	Website hosting	£101.90								£20.38	£122.28
30	23/10/23	23/10/23	CPRE - DD	Subscription				£36.00						£36.00
31	28/10/23	31/10/23	Chris Paterson-004	BasicCondStateme								£1,687.50		£1,687.50
32	28/10/23	31/10/23	Chris Paterson-005	EIA for NP								£750.00		£750.00
33	Oct	31/10/23	Clerk	SalaryOct 2023	£455.00									£455.00
34	30/08/23	31/10/23	PersonalisedPrint	Oct-Nov			£100.00							£100.00
35	Nov	05/12/23	Clerk	SalaryNov 2023	£455.00									£455.00
36	30/08/23	05/12/23	CommunityHBTust	Defib battery					£222.50				£44.50	£267.00
37	Dec	29/12/23	Clerk	Salary Dec 2023	£212.00									£212.00
38	O-N-D	29/12/23	HMRC	PAYE-Oct-Nov-Dec	£243.00									£243.00
39	Jan	29/01/24	Clerk	Salary Jan-24	£455.00									£455.00
40	22/01/24	15/02/24	MG for Lidl/Sains	LPU food&dr				£53.20					£10.65	£63.85
41	28/02/24	29/02/24	Chris Paterson-005	Reg16, Reg18LPU								£1,125.00		£1,125.00
42	Feb	29/02/24	Clerk	SalaryFeb-24	£455.00									£455.00
TOTALS				£5,106.90	£803.40	£945.34	£436.00	£681.85	£222.50	£8,000.00	£2,992.43	£5,277.00	£2,319.86	£26,785.28
	Date	Supplier	Description	Salary	Backpay 2022/23	Admin/ Governance	Newsletter	Community	Maintnce	Pond S106	CIL Projects	NP	VAT	TOTAL

£26,785.28